

family planning measures and infrastructure for primary health care; on a reimbursement basis.

**GROUP INSURANCE SCHEME:**

The Group Insurance Scheme was introduced in order to meet the socio-economic obligations of the weaver towards his family and to provide security against the uncertainty of his working capacity in old age. Under the scheme a weaver is provided an insurance coverage of Rs. 10,000 for an annual premium of Rs. 120. The premium is shared equally among the beneficiary, State and Central Governments.

**NEW INSURANCE SCHEME FOR HANDLOOM WEAVERS:**

The New Insurance Scheme provides coverage for various types of risk at a premium of Rs. 12,000 per annum with contribution of Rs. 2,000 by the weaver, Rs. 40,000 by State Government and Rs. 60,000 per annum by the Government of India.

**Gold Seized by Coast Guards**

\*324. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the value of smuggled gold seized by Coast Guards during the last three years;

(b) the number of persons arrested in this regard; and

(c) the steps being taken to check smuggling of gold through sea?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The Coast Guard neither seized any gold nor arrested any person in this connection during the last three years.

(c) The charter of Duties and Functions of the Coast Guard, *inter-alia*, includes assisting the customs and other authorities in anti-smuggling operations. The Coast Guard, therefore, undertake patrolling of the maritime zones of India independently as also jointly with customs and other concerned agencies.